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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from the bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales: During the three weeks ended April 27, 1912, 950 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

CHINA.

Amoy—Cholera.

The American consul reported June 3 the presence of cholera at Amoy.

Hongkong—Plague—Smallpox—Plague Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended April 27, 129 cases of plague with 113 deaths and 17 cases of smallpox with 12 deaths were reported at Hongkong.

During the same period, 2,446 rats were examined for plague infection. Of this number 24 were found to be plague infected.

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Transmissible Diseases.

The following statement was issued by the sanitary department:

Month of April, 1912.

	New cases.	Deaths.	Remaining under treatment.
Tuberculosis.....	143	221	1,452
Leprosy.....	2	3	345
Malaria.....	122	13	154
Typhoid fever.....	94	18	73
Diphtheria.....	69	12	18
Scarlet fever.....	26	.....	10
Measles.....	146	.....	80
Varicella.....	52	.....	30
Tetanus in new born.....	8	7	1
Dengue.....	3	.....	11
Filariasis.....	.....	.....	2